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LAGOS FOR AMBASSADOR MCHENRY

E.O. 11652: GDS

TAGS: PORG, US, UN, SF, WA

SUBJECT: NAMIBIA: CONTACT GROUP BRIEFING OF KAUNDA

REF: LUSAKA 2484

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1. DEPARTMENT REGRETS THAT ATMOSPHERE OF BRIEFING OF  
PRESIDENT KAUNDA ON TALKS BETWEEN CONTACT GROUP AND  
SWAPO WAS MARRED BY INCIDENT REPORTED REFTEL. WE SHARE  
LUSAKA'S VIEWS (REFTEL) THAT ISSUE OF WHETHER PAPER  
SHOULD BE LEFT WITH REPRESENTATIVES OF FRONT-LINE  
STATES SHOULD BE AVOIDED IF AT ALL POSSIBLE. IF IN  
FUTURE BRIEFINGS SPOKESMEN FOR CONTACT GROUP SPEAK

FROM NOTES RATHER THAN FROM PREPARED TEXT, THIS WOULD BE HELPFUL. FOR TIME BEING, DEPARTMENT BELIEVES THAT WE MUST CONTINUE CURRENT PRACTICE OF NOT LEAVING PAPER, HOWEVER INFORMAL, WITH REPRESENTATIVES OF FRONT-LINE STATES IN ORDER TO AVOID DANGER THAT DISCUSSIONS COULD BE DIVERTED FROM AIM OF REACHING GENERAL AGREEMENT ON PRINCIPLES INTO WRANGLES ON NUANCES OF LANGUAGE. WE UNDERSTAND THAT THIS VIEW IS SHARED BY OTHER MEMBERS OF CONTACT GROUP, WHO DISCUSSED ISSUE IN NEW YORK AUGUST 23. HOWEVER, WE CAN ENVISAGE SITUATION, ASSUMING CONTINUED PROGRESS IN NAMIBIAN TALKS, WHEN NEED

FOR GREATER PRECISION WILL OUTWEIGH THIS CONCERN AND CONTACT GROUP WOULD LEAVE PAPER WITH FRONT-LINE STATES.

2. DEPARTMENT BELIEVES THAT USE OF NOTES RATHER THAN PREPARED STATEMENTS IN FUTURE BRIEFINGS OF FRONT-LINE STATES WILL SERVE TO AVOID BAD FEELINGS ON PART OF AFRICANS.

3. FOR USDEL LAGOS: PLEASE ADVISE WHETHER IT APPEARS FROM YOUR DISCUSSIONS WITH KAUNDA THAT THIS ISSUE HAS BEEN RESOLVED FOR THE PRESENT.

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